States' Extraterritorial Obligations Related to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Conference – Lancaster University, September 2009

Draft Programme

Wednesday 9 September

5:30 – 5:45  Welcome – Prof. Sigrun Skogly
5:45 – 6:00  Conference opening – Prof. Trevor McMillan, Pro-Vice Chancellor Lancaster University
6:00 – 7:00  Keynote speech – “Extraterritorial human rights obligations: A useful tool to address the challenges of globalisation?” Miloon Kothari, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing
7:30  Dinner – Cafe 21, Info lab, Lancaster University

Thursday September 10

9:00 – 11:00  “ETOs in a wider global picture.” Panel discussion
   Chair: Fons Coomans
   Panellists:
   “Global Structural Impediments” Dr. Margot Salomon, London School of Economics
   “Trade and BITs” Carole Samdup, Rights and Democracy
   “Development Policies in light of human rights in Africa” Christopher Mbazira, Makarere University
   “Experience from environmental law” Marcos Orellana, CIEL
   “The role of transnational corporations” Nicholas Lusiani, ESCR-Net
11:00 – 11:30  Tea/Coffee

11:30 – 1:00  “The human rights effect of states’ extraterritorial acts and omissions – empirical and theoretical issues”  Rolf Künnemann, FIAN International and Sigrun Skogly, Lancaster University. Chair: Fons Coomans

Followed by discussion

1:00 – 2:00  Lunch

2:30 – 3:30  Working Groups (4) on policy areas (Trade/investment; TNCs; IFIs, Bilateral assistance/resource transfers) Linking cases, conceptual challenges and policy fields

3:00 – 3:30  Tea/Coffee

3:30 – 5:30  Working Groups continue

5:30 – 7:30  “ETOs and the right to food of African peasants”. Session organised by FIAN International and the UK Food Group. Everyone welcome

7:30  Dinner – Lancaster House Hotel

Friday September 11

9:00 – 10:30  Plenary on working groups. Discussion. Chair: Mark Gibney

10:30 – 11:00  Tea/Coffee

10:30 – 12:00  “ETO Principles in action. The way forward.”  Michael Windfuhr, Human Rights Director, Bread for the World. Chair: Mark Gibney

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch

End of conference